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U.S. Food & Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 ROCKVILLE MD 20852

Re: <u>DOCKET NO. 98P--0151/CP1</u>

Gentlemen:

Please discontinue permitting the slaughter of sick and wounded "downed" animals for food.

The methods of dragging them when they mut cannot stand are unbelievably cruel - and so is giving people all manner of diseases, from e.coli to mad cow disease.

If competent humane handking of all livestock were required, there would be less wasted bruised meat and it would be healthier for us all. Both physically and financially!

Sincerely,

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